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Re dismissal of an employee
From Messrs Reuters Ltd.

At 10a.m. 15-9-39, upon instruction received, D.S.I. Gazeley attended the offices of Messrs Reuters Ltd. No. 34 Avenue Edward VII (5th floor) and interviewed Mr. K. Selby-Walker.

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Mr. Selby Walker explained that his telephone request was made in connection with the pending dismissal of one named Long Cha Li (郎查理) who acts in the capacity of chief of the coolie staff (numbering approximately 100 coolies) and also as an assistant compradors. The reason for the man's dismissal which will take effect as from today is primarily "Security" and secondly, he is known to have some connection with the Wang Ching Wei regime and has been responsible for the suppression, and distortion of certain dispatches received from Chungking for issue to local newspapers.

So far as is known to Mr. Selby Walker, Long Cha Li (郎查理) is not aware of the true reason for his dismissal but is being given a letter stating that his services are being dispensed with due to the International situation in Europe and the necessity for economising and cutting down of staff. As a little recompense for his services and in lieu of one months notice Long Cha Li, who has been in Reuter's employ approximately seven years, will be given one months salary in addition to the



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salary due to him for the month of September.

It was understood from Mr. Selby-Walker that he had no reason whatsoever to suspect that, due to the dismissal of the man, possible revenge would be taken by Long Cha Ji, or his associates, by wrecking material or delicate instruments in the near future and thus disrupt communications, but he felt it necessary to ask for protection for the ensuing six or seven weeks as the business offices are free of access, even to unauthorized persons, particularly between 10p.m. and 7a.m. nightly when no foreigners are on the premises.

In this connection Mr. Selby-Walker has been advised to employ the services of an armed Police watchman in the corridor outside the offices likely to be the object of attack. (S.M. Police are posted day and night outside the building premises in accordance with previous instructions). Pending the selection and training of a suitable man as a C.P.W. a Chinese Police constable will be detailed for this duty between the hours of 10p.m. and 7a.m. nightly.

Mr. Selby-Walker has expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made. D.O. "A" Division and Chief Inspector i/c Central Station informed re above.

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